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TO AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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VIENNA FOR US DEL MBFR

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION ALL NATO CAPITALS INFO PARIS FROM SECSTATE FEB 24 REPEATED YOU:

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE (EXCEPT PARIS) SHOULD TRANSMIT TO FOREIGN MINISTER TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CONGRESS ON JACKSON-NUNN (REFTEL) UNDER COVER OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY. USNATO SHOULD DRAW ON COVER LETER IN NAC DISCUSSIONS.

BEGIN TEXT:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZATION ACT, 1974, PRESIDENT NIXON ON FEBRUARY 19
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SUBMITTED HIS FIRST REPORT TO CONGRESS ON THE PROGRESS

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BEING MADE BY OUR NATO ALLIES IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMENDMENT. A COPY OF THE REPORT, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED TO YOUR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, IS ENCLOSED WITH THIS LETTER.

I AM SURE YOU SHARE MY VIEW THAT WE HAVE A COMMON SECURITY INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT THE PRESIDENT IS

NOT REQUIRED TO REDUCE US FORCES IN NATO EUROPE. WHILE WE WILL CONTINUE TO POINT OUT TO THE CONGRESS THAT CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION SINCE THE JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT WAS INTRODUCED HAVE MADE IT HARDER FOR OUR ALLIES TO RESPOND PROMPTLY TO OUR REQUEST FOR BURDENSHARING ASSISTANCE, IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE NECESSARY TO CONVINCE THE CONGRESS THAT OUR ALLIES ARE MAKING A DETERMINED EFFORT TO OFFSET US MILITARY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS EXPENDITURES AND ABSORB CERTAIN BUDGETARY COSTS IN NATO EUROPE. WITHOUT REAL PROGRESS, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE CONGRESS THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT WILL BE MET.

GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER FOR OUR MUTUAL SECURITY CONCERNS, I URGE YOU TO KEEP THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY PROCUREMENT DECISIONS PENDING WITHIN YOUR GOVERNMENT. I ALSO ASK FOR YOUR PERSONAL SUPPORT IN EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE MEASURES CALLED FOR IN THE DECEMBER 7 DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE.

I AM CONFIDEN THAT, WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN AVOID UNILATERAL US FORCE REDUCTIONS. END TEXT.

FOR EMBASSY BONN: YOU SHOULD SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING FOR PENULTIMATE PARA ABOVE AS PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH IN MESSAGE TO SCHEEL: BEGIN TEXT. REFLECTING PRESIDENT NIXON'S JANUARY 18 LETTER TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT, I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE OUR BELIEF THAT CONCLUSION OF A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY BILATERAL OFFSET
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AGREEMENT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS IS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE FOR THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. END TEXT.
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